

FRIDAY NIGHT FACTS

OFFICE OF FAITH-BASED AND COMMUNITY INITIATIVES



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Register Now for the 2007 Governor's Conference on Service & Volunteerism!

Online registration begins today for the **2007 Governor's Conference on Service and Volunteerism!** Our conference will be held on March 12-13, 2007 at the Indianapolis Marriott Downtown. This year's conference will inspire, inform, and challenge participants who are working every day to make Indiana and the world a better place to live. Eight conference tracks, over 60 breakout sessions, two conference service projects, and the presentation of the Governor's Awards for Excellence in Service and Volunteerism are just some of the many highlights of our upcoming conference. We hope you will decide to join us this March for two incredible days! Early birds will receive discounted registration fees and first pick of breakout sessions, so register today by going to www.ofbci.in.gov/conference and clicking "Register".

We look forward to seeing you in March!



Nominations Needed

The **Office of Faith-Based and Community Initiatives** is seeking nominations for recipients of the **2007 Governor's Award for Volunteer Service** - Indiana's Most Prestigious Celebration of Volunteerism.

The 2007 Honorees will be recognized for outstanding volunteer contributions to causes that include health care, neighborhood revitalization, youth and senior activities, the arts, education, justice, housing, nutrition and social services at the Governor's Conference on Service and Volunteerism gala awards breakfast.

Since 1994 more than 300 past Honorees have given what they can at great personal sacrifice, or have motivated others to assist in addressing important community initiatives.



Please help us by nominating a deserving volunteer. Nomination forms can be downloaded by going to http://www.in.gov/ofbci/conference/pdfs/Governors_Awards.pdf

Reminder: Nominations for the Hoosier Rising Star Award are due December 31, 2006

In an effort to acknowledge the contribution youth make in our rural communities, last October Lt. Governor Skillman announced the creation of the Hoosier Rising Star Award. This annual honor will be given to as many as five youth who have made a significant difference in their rural communities. Any student enrolled in grades K-12 during the 2005-2006 school year may be nominated by a member of his or her community.

"The success of our small cities and towns is due to the hard workers and forward thinking people who call them home," said Lt. Gov. Skillman, who serves as Secretary of Agriculture and Rural Development. "That includes our youngest Hoosiers, too. It has long been my desire to see the youngest of them recognized for their contributions. With that in mind, I created the Hoosier Rising Star Award to honor the outstanding young people who call rural Indiana home."

A completed nomination form is required. Nominations may be supplemented by the student's resume or biography, up to three letters of recommendation, and any relevant press clippings. All application materials should be submitted together and must be **postmarked by December 31, 2006**. The winners will be recognized by the end of the 2006-07 school year. For more information on the award and nomination process, visit <http://www.in.gov/lgov/issues/awards.html>.

**New to Indiana
The Indiana Center for Parish Nursing**

The Indiana Center for Parish Nursing (ICPN) is a not-for-profit organization whose mission is to build and sustain healing ministries in a variety of faith-based communities throughout Indiana. Parish nurses, or faith-community nurses, are Registered Nurses who work with a congregation to promote the connection between health and the mind, body and spirit.

If you are interested in receiving additional information about Parish Nursing, or would like to start a program in your congregation, please contact 317-926-1542 or send an email to 2005icpn@sbcglobal.net.

**Save the Earth
New Environmental Resource for Indiana Educators and Youth Workers**

Learning to Give and the Youth Philanthropy Initiative of Indiana (YPII) announce the creation of Save the Earth Now, a resource that addresses environmental stewardship and philanthropy.

Save the Earth Now is a comprehensive resource for teachers, educators, parents, youth workers, and faith-based organizations to educate youth on the importance of environmental stewardship. This resource includes grade-specific lesson plans, providing teachers and youth workers with all the necessary materials needed to engage youth around the topic of environmentalism.

The resource is unique: not only do the covered topics include important subjects like global warming and recycling, but also responsible management of natural resources, animal ethics, wilderness preservation, and activism. The subject matter thoughtfully reflects the broad environmental concerns of our day.

This specialized package, available at <http://www.learningtogive.org/>, was made possible by a grant from the Nina Mason Pulliam Charitable Trust. To create and distribute the materials Learning to Give and the Youth Philanthropy Initiative of Indiana (YPII) partnered with Keep Indianapolis Beautiful.

The resource was published in limited quantities for distribution in Indiana, but Learning to Give is pleased to share the contents at no cost on the Web.

For more information on the Save The Earth Now resource, visit the Learning to Give Web site at <http://www.learningtogive.org/savetheearth/> or contact Eileen Ryan, Youth Philanthropy Initiative of Indiana, at (317) 630-5200 or



Website for Parents

Are you having difficulty understanding your teenager? Visit <http://myoutofcontrolteen.com> for easy-to-understand, concrete steps to ease the turmoil in your home.

You can also share your parenting tips, find divorce and child support resources, find grant information for single parents, download e-books, and find resources for working mothers.

Mark your calendar!

There will be a nonprofit Career Fair at the Indianapolis Convention Center Indianapolis on Thursday, February 1, 2007 from 4 to 8 PM. This career fair is a good resource for people interested in working in the nonprofit sector as well as nonprofits who are hiring. For more information, visit <http://www.idealists.org/if/idealists/en/CareerFair/Viewer/default?career-fair-id=147&sid=>



Fact for Life #160

Higher cigarette prices increase the demand for cessation products.



Fact for Life #161

Cigarette price increases help prevent youth from initiating smoking and from increasing their cigarette consumption.

"Facts for Life," a weekly e-mail providing statistics on the toll of tobacco to Hoosiers and the state of Indiana, is presented by Indiana Tobacco Prevention and Cessation. For more information on Indiana Tobacco Prevention and Cessation, visit, www.in.gov/itpc/; www.WhiteLies.tv or www.Voice.tv. Source: Center for Urban Policy and the Environment.

"Giving kids clothes and food is one thing but it's much more important to teach them that other people besides themselves are important, and that the best thing they can do with their lives is to use them in the service of other people."

Dolores Huerta